

THE Sophomores of the Mechanical Engineering course sent in a petition asking that history be omitted in the Winter term of the Sophomore year, and the elementary technical work be taken up, thus allowing them more time for electrical work in the Senior year. We think if the class of '90 had endeavored to make arrangements to this effect sooner, and had asked that history be completed before this term, their petition would in all probabilities have been granted, as the move was undoubtedly a good one.

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THE Central Inter-Collegiate Press Association held a convention at Philadelphia on the 28th of January. We have not received an official report of the proceedings, but have received notice that THE FREE LANCE has obtained a membership for the Pennsylvania State College. As a means of increasing a fraternal spirit among college editors, we think the association has a grand mission. It certainly is a relief for the editor when hard at work to know that he is not alone in his work, and the advantage derived from the circulatory letters is great.

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WOULD it not be a good move to make attendance upon chapel exercises optional with the Junior and Senior classes? At present all day-students who have no recitation at eight

o'clock are excused, and it is certainly very annoying to drop study just when in the midst of a lesson and run to chapel for ten or fifteen minutes, even if one does room in the building. In the Junior and Senior years, when the afternoon is used in practicum work a quarter of an hour's study is often very valuable for recapitulating work which was gone over hurriedly the night before.

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THE deficit bill, appropriating the sum of money, which, owing to a flaw in the bill creating the experimental station, was not forthcoming, has passed the House of Representatives and the Senate. This sets everything in working order, and by next Winter, from present appearances, we expect to see a fine new building erected for the express use of the station. The amount appropriated by the original bill for each station is enough to permit of the inlay of things which are necessary to the proper manipulation of experiments. The station will undoubtedly be of great benefit to all farmers of this and neighboring States.

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IN another column of this paper there appears an announcement in regard to the course in physics and electrotechnics which has been adopted by the board of trustees as a regular course in this college. In the adoption of this